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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AZORES.

#### *Report from St. Michaels—Measures taken for the eradication of plague—Destruction of rats.*

Consul Creevey reports, July 8, in response to request from the bureau, dated May 26, for information relative to plague in the islands:

No deaths from plague and no new cases of the disease have occurred on the island of Fayal since April 1, and none on the island of Terceira since June 16, on which date 3 new cases, one of which proved fatal, were reported.

At Terceira the disease had been prevalent for about 6 months before it was diagnosed as plague. An appeal was then made to the home government at Lisbon and several physicians who had had experience in treating plague in India were sent to the islands. Their efforts have been efficacious, not alone in treating the disease, but also in initiating a campaign against rats. This began with a general cleaning up of the towns and villages, not only where the disease was known to exist, but throughout all the islands of the Azores. Inspectors were appointed to examine carefully individual premises and to supply rat poison gratis. A bounty is paid for each rat or mouse tail. In the city of Ponta Delgada the municipality has recently adopted an ordinance which provides that each tax or rate payer shall deliver annually a proportionate number of rat tails, or their equivalent in cash. The sanitary commission is now providing rat bait, which is placed where rats are found, and after several days is replaced by the same mixture, to which poison has been added. The results are reported to be satisfactory.

During the past year isolation hospitals and disinfection plants have been erected at Terceira and St. Michaels, and strict quarantine is maintained against the plague-infected islands.

### BARBADOS.

#### *Report from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, July 31:

Week ended July 31. Bills of health issued to 6 vessels, having a total of 42 passengers and 286 members of crews. One vessel was fumigated. Sanitary condition of vessels, passengers, crews, and cargoes, good. Sanitary condition of port good. No quarantinable diseases were reported.